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Dr. Joshua Lederberg President, The Rockefeller University 1230 York Ave. N.Y., N.Y. 10021

Dear Dr. Lederberg:

One of our IBM engineers was talking to Dr. Irving Lazar, of Cornell, who told him about a junior science lab sponsored by Westinghouse and IBM in 1941 at IBM's offices at 310 Fifth Ave., at which high school students of scientific bent and who had won competitive proposals, were allowed to work at what they wished, complete with furnished equipment and consultants in their respective disciplines. Much of the detail of how, when and why will be forthcoming from Dr. Henry Platt, with whom I am in touch, but we are considering a small article on the subject in IBM's publication, THINK Magazine, and because little or nothing on this lab and its remarkable roster of talented youngsters exists in our archives, I am writing to ask if you have any recollections or snapshots of that period.

I'd be happy to run into town to talk to you, or telephone you for a chat that I know would be helpful.

Eugene Kone of your Public Information Department, suggested I approach you in this manner to begin with.

Sincerely,

Harrison Kinney

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